



SPRING EDITION

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SPRING WARM-UP

MEET ONE OF OUR PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Hello everyone! I was born, raised, and currently live in the great city of Spokane, WA. I have always loved the outdoors - hiking, snowshoeing, rafting, rappelling, hunting - you name it. These passions drove me to get what I consider to be the best degree in the world: a BA in Outdoor Recreation from Eastern Washington University. As soon as I graduated, I began working with kids outdoors - first at a summer program in Germany and then nearly three years at a Christian camp outside of Spokane. When I'm not at work you can usually find me with a bunch of people doing something active. I love playing games, watching movies, eating hamburgers,



working out, and laughing.

Although I've been in Spokane most of my life, traveling is a huge passion of mine testified by the fact that I've visited or lived in thirteen countries so far. I plan to visit many more, and hopefully live overseas someday (somewhere warm! I like my house at 80 degrees).

However, superseding all of this, God has been continually growing my love for Him and my maturity in service towards others through tough situations and people (myself included). I am so privileged to be serving Him as I begin a new chapter of my life with Peak 7.

- Austin Dannen

Donate to Peak 7 for:

- Bibles
- Backpacks
- Rafts
- Tents
- Food
- Sleeping Bags

Or, donate your old outdoor gear for a tax deductible receipt.



Surfing isn't the only way to ride a wave...

BOCCE BALL (SAVE THE DATE)

**Sunday, May 17
3 to 7 PM**

Peak 7 will put on the Inaugural Bocce Ball Tournament at the Bozarth Mansion.

For centuries, old Italian men have enjoyed a timeless game of great skill called Bocce. But it's not just a game for old men anymore! We've re-tooled the game, left in the skill, and created a great FUNdraising event to support Peak 7 in Spokane.

The entry fee is \$75/person, or \$300/team, and cost will be par-

tially tax deductible. Each participant will receive a Bocce shirt will have a great time. Creative team uniforms and names are encouraged and will be rewarded.

If you do not want to play, please come and enjoy the auction, raffle and dinner provided by Olive Garden.

Sign up on our Website:

WWW.PEAK7.ORG

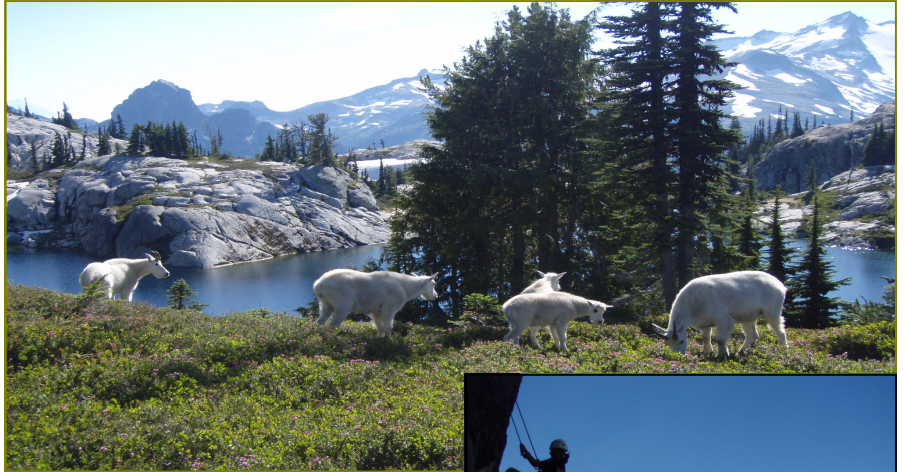
*Come join us for
A one-of-a-kind event!*

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SEEING GOD'S HAND

- *God provided the money needed to meet our matching donor last year.*
- *God is putting together an incredible staff for this summer.*
- *We have been given a matching grant for 2009 from our "angel donor". The grant will be 25 cents on the dollar, up to \$50,000 for individual donations.*
- *God provided an incredible suburban to help with our program.*
- *God has already lined-up more than 825 participants to go on rafting, climbing and ascent trips.*
- *We have already received over \$10,000 in Bocce Ball Sponsors.*



SUMMER 2009 OUTLOOK

This summer we are starting our climbing program with a goal of getting 50 kids harnessed in and building trust. In addition to climbing, our goal for our rafting and ascent programs is 950 youth. We experienced a large amount of growth over the past three years and now we feel it's time to take a step back and solidify our programs. With a great staff coming onboard, it is our hope that we can take our integrity and skills to another level by paying special attention to all the details during our spring and summer trips.



Peak 7 staff are headed out on their first backpacking trip to scout the Olympic Coast trail from Oil City to La Push.

NEW SUMMER STAFF

For the past few years I've explored the world with Jesus as my guide. From the jungles of India and Burma, to the top of Mount Sinai, the Lord has been gently beckoning me to serve Him in nature. I've seen His outrageous craftsmanship from sea to shining sea, and I'm passionate about showing others how accessible the positive impact of nature can be. It's my hope to use my experiences and my gifts to serve at Peak 7. This past December I graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Photojournalism. I also spent a year in Jordan studying Arabic and 100 days sailing around the world studying writing and photography. While studying in the Middle East my heart was opened

to those living with less than any person should. Although the youth around the world experience darkness in different shades, I feel they all deserve to experience a glimpse of my one and only God. I can't think of a better way to introduce them to Him than through the programs Peak 7 has to offer. Although my adventures have taken me far away, the wheat fields of Davenport, Washington will always be home.

"I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your instructions are written on my heart."

-Ashley Paul



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